
COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA



OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR Executive Order 57 (99)

Authority and Responsibility Under the Federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century

By virtue of the authority vested in me as Governor under Article V of the Constitution of Virginia and under the laws of the Commonwealth, including but not limited to Section 2.1-39.1 of the Code of Virginia, and subject always to my continuing and ultimate authority and responsibility to act in such matters, I hereby affirm and delegate to the Secretary of Transportation and the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner the powers and duties set out below as necessary for the Commonwealth to fulfill the requirements of the federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21).

The following are the duties set out to the Secretary of Transportation:

1. Approve metropolitan transportation improvement programs.
2. Develop requests to the federal Secretary of Transportation to designate additional areas as transportation management areas.
3. Provide reasonable opportunities for comments on the State Transportation Improvement Program to citizens, affected public agencies, representatives of transportation agency employees, freight shippers, private providers of transportation, providers of freight transportation services, representatives of users of public transit, and other interested parties.
4. Establish agreements with local governments as needed for the designation and redesignation of metropolitan planning organizations and the determination of metropolitan area boundaries.

The following are the duties set out to the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner:

1. Make appropriate quarterly certifications and notify the federal Secretary of Transportation of the amounts of obligations expected to be incurred for surface transportation program projects in Virginia.
2. Certify the consistency of early acquisition of rights-of-way with the state transportation planning process and under the mandatory, comprehensive and coordinated land use, environment, and transportation planning process.
3. Be responsible for the coordination of transportation planning in multistate metropolitan areas.
4. Receive long-range plans submitted by metropolitan planning organizations.

This executive order rescinds Executive Order Number Twenty-three (1994), Authority and Responsibility under the Federal Intermodal Surface Transportation and Efficiency Act of 1991, issued by Governor George Allen on June 30, 1994.

This Executive Order shall be effective upon its signing and shall remain in full force and effect until amended or rescinded by further executive order.

Given under my hand and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia this 1st day of October, 1999.

Governor James S. Gilmore, III

Attest: Secretary of the Commonwealth Anne P. Peters